

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/801,941	WIEBE, LINTON	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Alfred Basichas	3749	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 3/17/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>11/03/04</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

ALFRED BASICHAS
PRIMARY EXAMINER

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant claims, among other things, an apparatus for vaporizing fuel for supply to an engine including a container having a first and second chamber, a fuel injection nozzle for injecting fuel from a fuel injection pump into the first chamber, a heating plate provided in the container and dividing the first and second chambers such that the heating plate forms a wall of each of the first and second chambers, the fuel injection nozzle and the heating plate being arranged such that the fuel engages against the heating plate for heating the fuel in the first chamber to form vapor therefrom, an outlet duct for supplying vapor from the first chamber to the engine, a heating liquid within the second chamber and engaging the heating plate for supplying heat to the heating plate, and an electrical heating element within the second chamber for supplying heat to the heating liquid.

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited prior art references all disclose fuel vaporization reflecting the general background of the art.

Nevertheless, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination therewith, does not disclose nor make obvious the combination as claimed by applicant. Specifically, Dale (US20050193993) discloses fuel vaporization utilizing electrical heat (see at least fig. 2A), plate 70, two chamber system 52,55, and a fuel nozzle 18 positioned at the top and directed to spray liquid fuel onto the plate (see at least fig. 2A).

Nevertheless, Dale fails to disclose, among other things, a heating liquid, as well as the claimed sensors. Newhouse (US2003014090) discloses fuel vaporization utilizing electrical heating element 12 and a fuel nozzle 22 positioned at the top and directed to spray liquid fuel onto the heated bottom. Nevertheless, Newhouse fails to disclose, among other things, a heating liquid, a second chamber, and some of the claimed sensors.

Crossett (4,700,047) discloses a fuel vaporization utilizing electrical heater 52 and liquid (water) to heat the liquid fuel to vapor. Nevertheless, Crossett fails to disclose, among other things, a separation plate, two chambers, and the claimed sensors.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

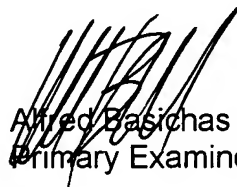
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alfred Basichas whose telephone number is 571 272 4871. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira Lazarus can be reached on 571 272 4877. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 872 9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Tech Center telephone number is 571 272 3700.

September 28, 2005


Alfred Basichas
Primary Examiner